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Examiner: Daniel K. SCHLAK

In re Application of:
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Oscar Lee AVANT et al.
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Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

In reply to the Office Action dated April 9, 2002, the period for reply having been extended for 2 months to September 9, 2002, by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the attached Abstract in place of the current Abstract.

## **IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, please amend Figs. 1, 2A, 2B, 3, 4A, and 5 by adding the label --PRIOR ART-- to each Figure. A Request for Approval of Drawing Change and copies of the originally filed drawings with the proposed amendments indicated in red are attached.

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